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From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

**MOTION TO SUPPORT AB 2333 (NAKANO) - (ITEM NO. 34-A, AGENDA OF JUNE 25, 2002)**

Item No. 34-A on your agenda for Tuesday, June 25, 2002, is a motion by Supervisor Knabe that the Board of Supervisors support AB 2333 (Nakano), and instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a five-signature letter of support to the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation and to Governor Gray Davis urging their favorable action and enactment of this legislation.

AB 2333 would require the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to include in its transportation planning a fair share methodology that encompasses both the burdens and benefits of commercial aviation among the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside, based on an assessment of future passenger and cargo demand. Also, SCAG would be required to adhere to the principles of environmental justice in the applicable state laws in the development of the Aviation Plan which is an element of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In the case of this bill, environmental justice provisions seek to ensure that no ethnic or racial minority or low-income community will bear a disproportionate share of the environmental burden of regional aviation activity.

The Department of Public Works indicates that there is no impact on its activities. According to the Department of Regional Planning, this bill would promote the development of Palmdale Airport and other existing underused airports in the region, such as Ontario Airport. It would also place pressure on Orange County to provide airport facilities to accommodate the air travel demands of that part of the region. Regional Planning also reports that current law does not require SCAG to employ environmental justice principles in its Regional Aviation Plan and, this bill would assure SCAG's compliance in this area.

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In addition, the Author's office advises that although SCAG is in compliance with environmental justice principles, it is concerned that there is no requirement for SCAG to continue applying these principles. This bill is intended to assure that these principles will continue to be applied.

SCAG indicates that it supports AB 2333. The focus of its Regional Aviation Plan is to decentralize aviation, distribute the benefits/burdens throughout the region, and to have each community shoulder their fair share.

**Support of AB 2333 is consistent with Board policy to support regional alternatives to the expansion of Los Angeles International Airport including expanding the number of flights at underutilized regional airports.**

AB 2333 is in the Senate Transportation Committee and is scheduled to be heard on June 25, 2002. It is supported by the City of El Segundo. In opposition are the cities of Costa Mesa, Dana Point, Irvine, Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, Los Angeles, Mission Hills, Newport Beach, the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities, and the El Toro Reuse Planning Authority.

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